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COST OF GOVERNMENT MUST BE REDUCED

For many years the state of Oregon plead with the legislatures to curb the extravagance of the state government, but such pleadings proved of no avail. The people asked, and demanded that the numerous state commissions with their numerous inspectors, which do not inspect, and other needless officials be dispensed with. Yet, we have the commissions and needless officials continuing to bleed the state treasury for their salaries. The people, seeing that their pleadings were of no avail, initiated and enacted, by a large popular majority, the tax limitation law. This action was forced upon them purely as a matter of self defense. The people are willing to be taxed to give the state a liberal support, but they are unwilling to be taxed to support a bunch of unnecessary hangers-on. In other words they are unwilling for the state to maintain a large and needless charity under the guise of officialdom.

So the legislature to meet at salem next month, will assemble with the rod of discipline suspended ready for use, should this body follow in the footsteps of its predecessors and fail to do what the people require. For the first time our legislative solons are to know that they are servants of rather than masters of the people. For the first time they are to be provided with a stated sum of money, from which the state's needs must be supplied. For the first time the Oregon legislature will be forced to resort to the same class of economy which the members use in their own private business affairs. Will it do so?

Some of our state officials seem to think they can suspend the operation of the tax limitation law until after the legislative appropriations are made, evidently, with the purpose to have liberal sums expended at this session so that a 6 per cent increase over the present biennium state expenses will be an abundance for the future years.

But, gentlemen, this plan will not be tolerated by the people. Any effort of this character will result in such a storm of indignation from all corners of the state that the planners will very shortly conclude that Oregon is a very good state from which to emigrate. The fact of the business is, gentlemen of the legislature, the people of Oregon are very much in earnest about this matter of the reduction of the cost of government. They have seen their taxes doubled and thrilled without any just reason. They see their farms being reduced in value, simply because of excessively high taxation. They see fewer people seeking homes in Oregon, because of this fact. Hence the people, as before stated, are very much in

earnest about this matter and any quibbling about the application of the law will not be tolerated. The people know what the law was intended to accomplish and, if there is any deficiency in the language used, so that a misconception could defeat the evident intent, it is the duty of the legislature to remedy this deficiency.

There are, in both branches of the legislature, more democrats than the roll have shown for a number of years. This number will be greatly augmented two years hence, if there is any attempt at funny business in the execution of the tax limitation law. The people of Oregon know what they want and, in the end, will have it. They want this saturnalia of extravagance in the administration of government to cease and they expect the legislature, at its coming session, to aid them in every practical manner, to accomplish this end.

So, gentlemen of the legislature, your duty, next month, is plainly indicated. Have the nerve to hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may and you will do much to restore your now discredited body to the good opinion of the people of Oregon.

WHY HUGHES WAS DEFEATED

Mr. Hughes was beaten not because the country was weak in patriotism but because the republican party conducted a crooked campaign. It failed because a crooked presidential campaign always fails.

The democrats had a similar experience in 1904 when they allowed Wall street to nominate the candidate for president and then tried to run him on a Bryan platform. What happened to Judge Parker happened to Judge Hughes. It will happen to any candidate for president who is nominated under false pretenses and is compelled thereby to conduct a fraudulent canvass.

Mr. Hughes' speeches were wholly destructive. They will be searched in vain for a solitary definition of constructive policy. That is not because Mr. Hughes is incapable of evolving constructive policies but because the republican party was afraid to have a constructive policy. It was afraid to tell the country what it would do if it were restored to power. Its campaign depended upon the coalition of two groups of totally antagonistic voters, and the instant Mr. Hughes promulgated a policy, one group or the other was certain to be alienated. So the candidate and leaders assumed that if no policy was presented, no voters would be alienated; hence Mr. Hughes would be elected and then the business of flim-flamming one faction or the other could be taken up with perfect safety.

The campaign was successful in the east, where it was generally understood that a Hughes administration would be satisfactory to Wall street and the great property interests. It was wholly unsuccessful in the west, which has quit buying gold bricks and signing lightning-rod contracts. While the west could learn nothing from Mr. Hughes in regard to the probable policies of a Hughes administration, it learned everything it wanted to know from Wall street and munition makers' contributions to the republican campaign fund. It knew that Wall street does not finance a political campaign without having a very clear idea of what it is financing.

When the campaign began, the country was overwhelmingly republican. Taking the vote for governor in the various states and the vote for members of congress, it still seems to be republican. On the presidency it took Mr. Wilson in preference to Mr. Hughes because it knew where President Wilson stood and it had to guess where Mr.

Hughes stood. It may not have approved of all the president's policies, but it emphatically approved of the man and his methods. The choice reflects the highest credit upon the mental and political integrity of the American people.

Both parties during the past 12 years tried to play thimble-rig politics with the presidency and both were flatly repudiated at the polls. The country may be deficient in patriotism, as Col. Harvey thinks, but we can assure him that it is not deficient in brains. It still knows a hawk from a handsaw.—New York World.

The high cost of living, for several reasons is being reduced. The decline in wheat reduces the price of flour and the boycott on eggs and butter has materially reduced the cost of these, usually considered necessary articles. The consumer is a long suffering animal, but when the weight becomes too burdensome he kicks. The main trouble in this matter is the greed of the middleman—the commission man.

Every dollar you pay for goods in other towns or which you send to mail order houses, takes that amount of money from your own community. Just think about that. We all must live and our neighbors must live as well. If you can save ten cents by sending away for your supplies, you are damaging your home town twenty cents or more. Think about this matter neighbor!

The high cost of living bears heavily on the consumer, but just think how the farmer enjoys high wheat, oats, butter fat, poultry, eggs, pork and beef. There is no great loss but what somebody reaps a profit. But, look out for the middle man, who stands between the producer and consumer. He is the fellow who is getting the big profit.

Build up home talent, home industries, and home attractions in every way. Patronize home merchants, home-mechanics and home news papers. They all help support the town and are identified with you. The foreign mail order houses and newspapers don't care whether you sink or swim. Patronize the people who patronizes you, is the only safe plan.

Good printing can be obtained only where the proper types, presses, material and expert workmanship is found. The Tribune office possesses all of these requisites and the prices are right.

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